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Office Special Agent Produce Loan,

Columbus June 1. Miss, 1864.

SIR :

You are hereby notified that the Cotton belonging to the Government, and which is under your charge, is now in the following condition :

<i>Character of Shelter</i>	} <i>Need Repairing & not protect from Cattle</i>
<i>Bales without Hoops</i>	
<i>Bales without Hoops or Bagging</i>	
<i>Bales not Found</i>	

The following is an extract from a Circular addressed to me by J. D. B. DeBow, General Agent of Produce Loan, dated April 4th, 1864 :

"Should the cotton be found insecurely sheltered, or otherwise neglected or in bad condition, it is expected that you will notify the parties having charge of it to give the same immediate attention, under their contract to 'take due and proper care of the cotton.'"

"Should the parties, after reasonable notice, not take the necessary steps for the preservation of the cotton, you are empowered to have the matter attended to at the expense of the Government, and your duplicate voucher will be paid by me. In such cases the parties will be held liable for the cost, except under circumstances of a very peculiar character."

"What the Government expects is, that its cotton shall be sheltered from the weather and from cattle, and where the bagging or rope have been removed by unauthorized parties or depredators that the party in charge of it shall replace the same with boards and hoops, and where building are injured, cause them to be repaired."

If you will cause this Cotton to be put into proper condition immediately, you will confer a great obligation upon, as well as perform a duty due, the Government, in enabling it to preserve its property. Should you deem it proper to submit a statement of the expense incurred, and ask for remuneration, I will forward the statement to Mr. DeBow, at Columbus, who, if the circumstances warrant it, will, I have no doubt, order the payment promptly.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) N. Whitfield

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